



On Apr 9, 2012, at 8:48 AM, Bainbridge Citizens wrote:

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To: Planning Commission and City Council

I have looked over the agenda and documents for the April 12th Planning Commission and am dismayed in reading the Public Comment Matrix.

It appears that the Public Comment Process seems to be after the fact and that some are pushing their own agenda.

In the Public Comment meeting, objection to the term "Nonconforming" was overwhelmingly presented, but comments in the City's "Public Comment Matrix" was "that the term had already been accepted by the Planning Commission since its use had become a legally accepted term". That comment ignores the fact that other jurisdictions in the State had discarded use of the term.

What is the value of the Public Comment Process when comments by the public are ignored?

Even though the term "nonconforming" has been used for years, I would like to remind everyone that the word "**nonconforming**" is pejorative and places a **stigma** on the value of anything to which it is attached.

It is only because of the high visibility of the SMP, that the term has come to light. I think that most people were unaware of its use in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

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